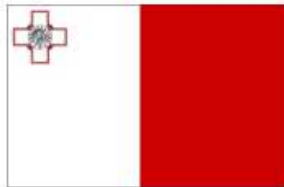




PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARIAT
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Monitoring Committee Meeting

Friday, 6th November, 2020



Internal Security Fund (2014-2020)

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Sustainable Management of Internal Security



Update on the Internal Security Fund National Programme

Malta

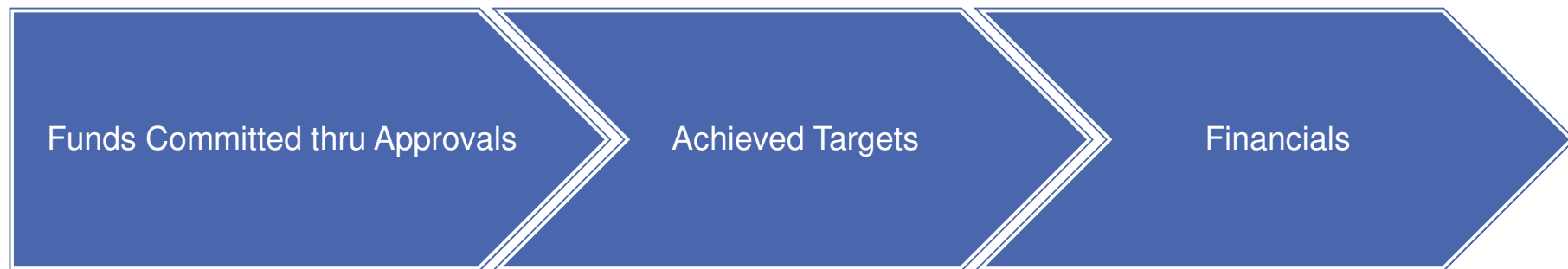
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Designation and Issuance of Calls for Proposals



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Project Approvals and Commitments Made





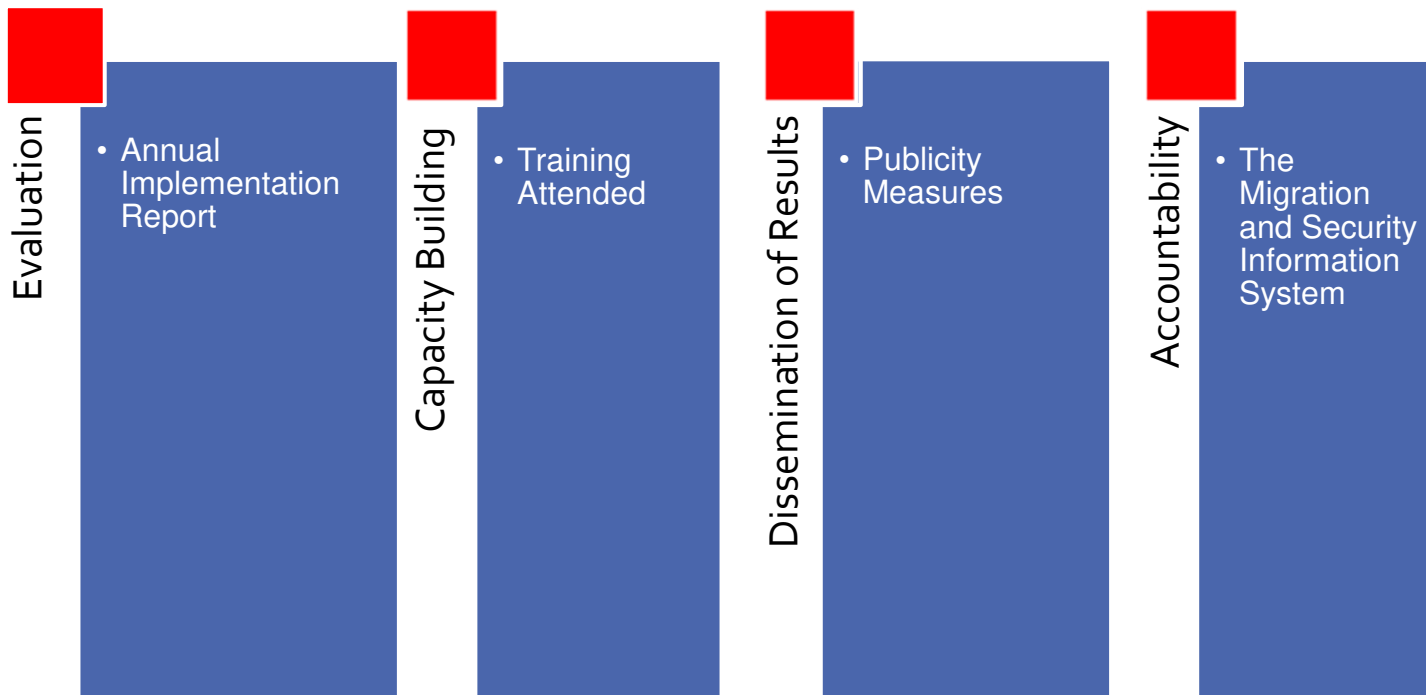
Outline:

Monitoring, Indicators, Financials and Reporting



Outline:

Horizontal Activities undertaken



Modification of the NP (2)



In September 2019, the RA submitted an amendment to the NP to introduce ETIAS and SIS Recast both of which resulted from additional funding from the European Commission like EES. This was adopted by the Commission on 29/11/2019.

The latest NP amendment was requested in July 2020 and concerned the introduction of 2 Specific Action Projects. This was adopted by the Commission on 28/09/2020.

Issuance of Calls



Call Issued (thru direct award)	Date of Issue	Deadline for Submissions	No of Projects submitted
17 th Call for Applications	1 st November 2019	6 th December 2019	1
18 th Call for Applications	1 st November 2019	6 th December 2019	1
19 th Call for Applications	25 th March 2020	6 th May 2020	1
20 th Call for Applications	11 th June 2020	10 th July 2020	1

Issuance of Calls



Call Issued (thru direct award)	Date of Issue	Deadline for Submissions	No of Projects submitted
21 st Call for Applications	3 rd July 2020	28 th August 2020	1
22 nd Call for Applications	3 rd July 2020	28 th August 2020	1

Projects Approved since June 2019 (1)



13th Call for Applications

National Addressed	Objective	Title of Project
National Capacity		Optronic Devices for the AFM – Maritime Assets - AFM

15th Call for Applications

National Addressed	Objective	Title of Project
Exchange of Information		Upgrade Malta Security Service ICT Infrastructure to improve its information management capabilities – Phase II

Projects Approved since June 2019 (2)



16th Call for Applications

National Addressed	Objective	Title of Project
National Capacity		Entry Exit System for the Malta Police Force at the National Maltese Borders

17th Call for Applications

National Addressed	Objective	Title of Project
National Capacity		The implementation of the Regulation 2018/1240 establishing the European Travel Information and Authorisation System and respective ETIAS National Unit

Projects Approved since June 2019 (3)



18th Call for Applications

National Objective Addressed	Title of Project
National Capacity	The Implementation of the Schengen Information System (SIS) Recast as per Regulations (EU) 2018/1860, 1861, 1862 of the European Parliament

19th Call for Applications

National Objective Addressed	Title of Project
National Capacity	The development of the IT Systems covered by Article 15 of the ISF Borders and Visa and the premises hosting them

Projects Approved since June 2019(4)



20th Call for Applications

National Addressed	Objective	Title of Project
Exchange of Information		An Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS) for the Malta Police Force

Projects under Evaluation



21st Call for Applications

National Objective Addressed	Title of Project
National Capacity	Malta Police Force's Specific Actions for Border Surveillance

22nd Call for Applications

National Objective Addressed	Title of Project
National Capacity	Midlife Mission System Upgrade of the AFM's KingAir Maritime Patrol Fixed Wing Aircraft

Evaluation



Project Selection Committee – Fact sheet

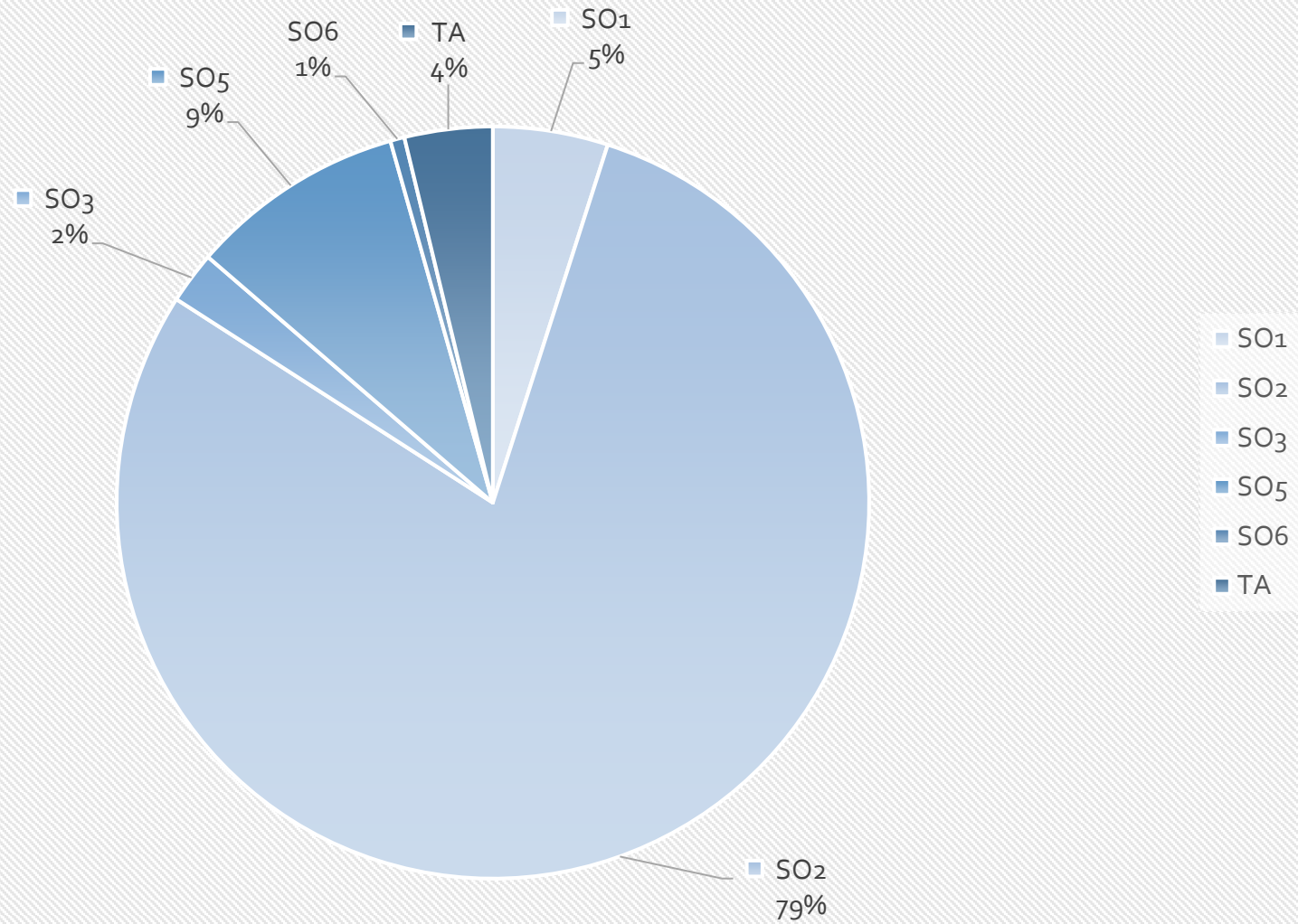
Date of 1 st Meeting	10 th March 2016
Number of Meetings held	69
Number of Clarification letters issued	45
Number of Clarification Meetings set up	5
Number of Project' s Ranked and recommended for approval	34

Financials

- Funds Committed
- Annual Balance of Accounts
- Disbursements Made



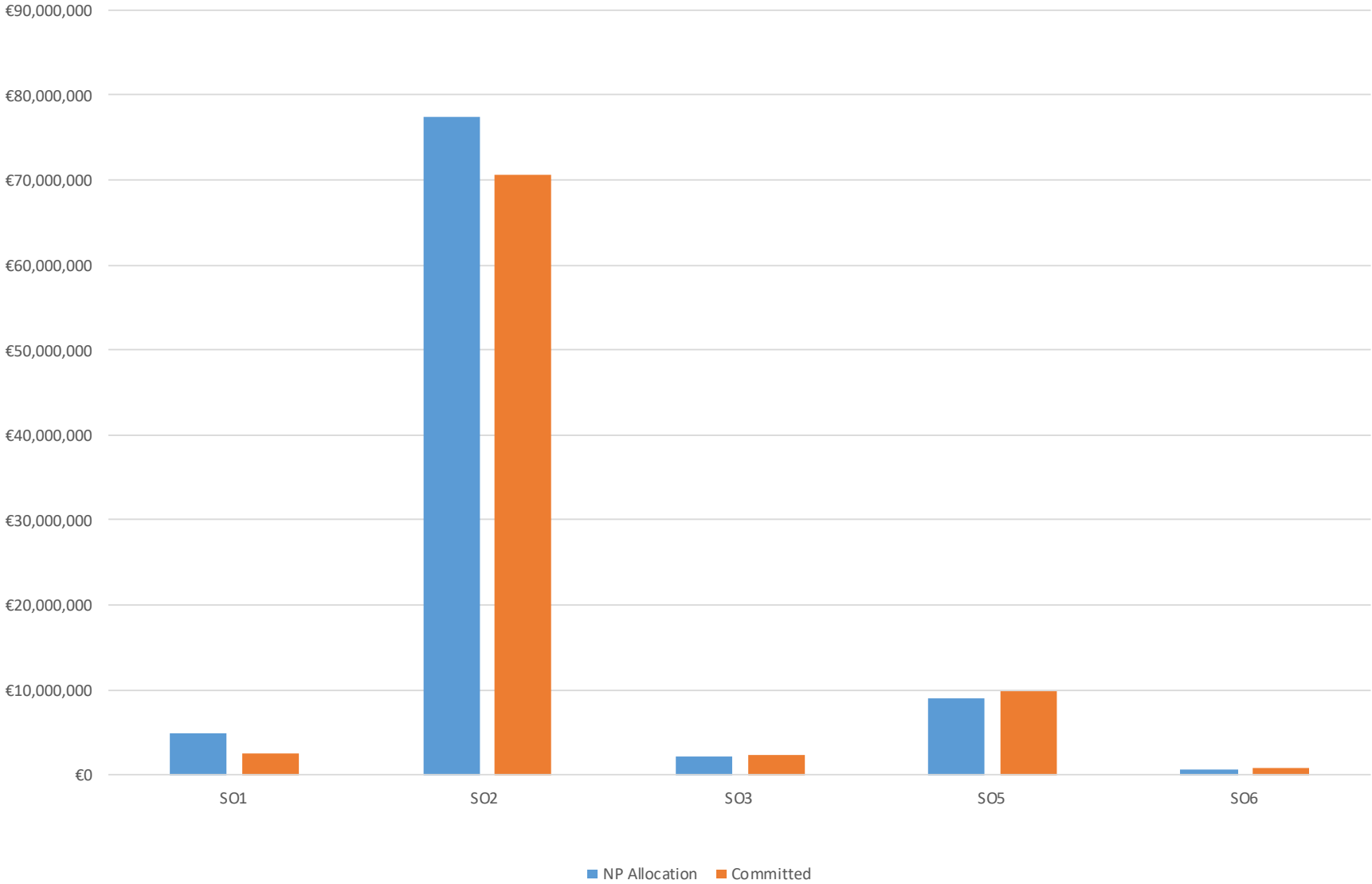
National Programme



Funds Committed

Specific Objective	Approved allocation in the NP	% of ISF Funds Committed through Approved Projects
SO1 – Support a common visa policy	€ 4,842,000	€ 2,464,033 (51%)
SO2 – Borders	€ 77,493,764	€ 70,669,950 (91%)
SO3 – Operating Support	€ 2,185,000	€ 2,419,719 (111%)
SO5 – Preventing and Combating Crime	€ 9,075,753	€9,941,592 (110%)
SO6 – Risks and Crises	€ 602,249	€ 893,939 (148%)

Funds Committed



Annual Balance of Accounts



Financial Year	Amounts declared to the Commission	
	ISF Police	ISF Borders
2015	Nil	Nil
2016	Nil	€ 5,018,706.00
2017	€ 1,600,377.64	€ 14,873,244.90
2018	€ 2,537,955.44	€ 18,470,742.60
2019	€ 912,501.34	€ 11,912,341.89

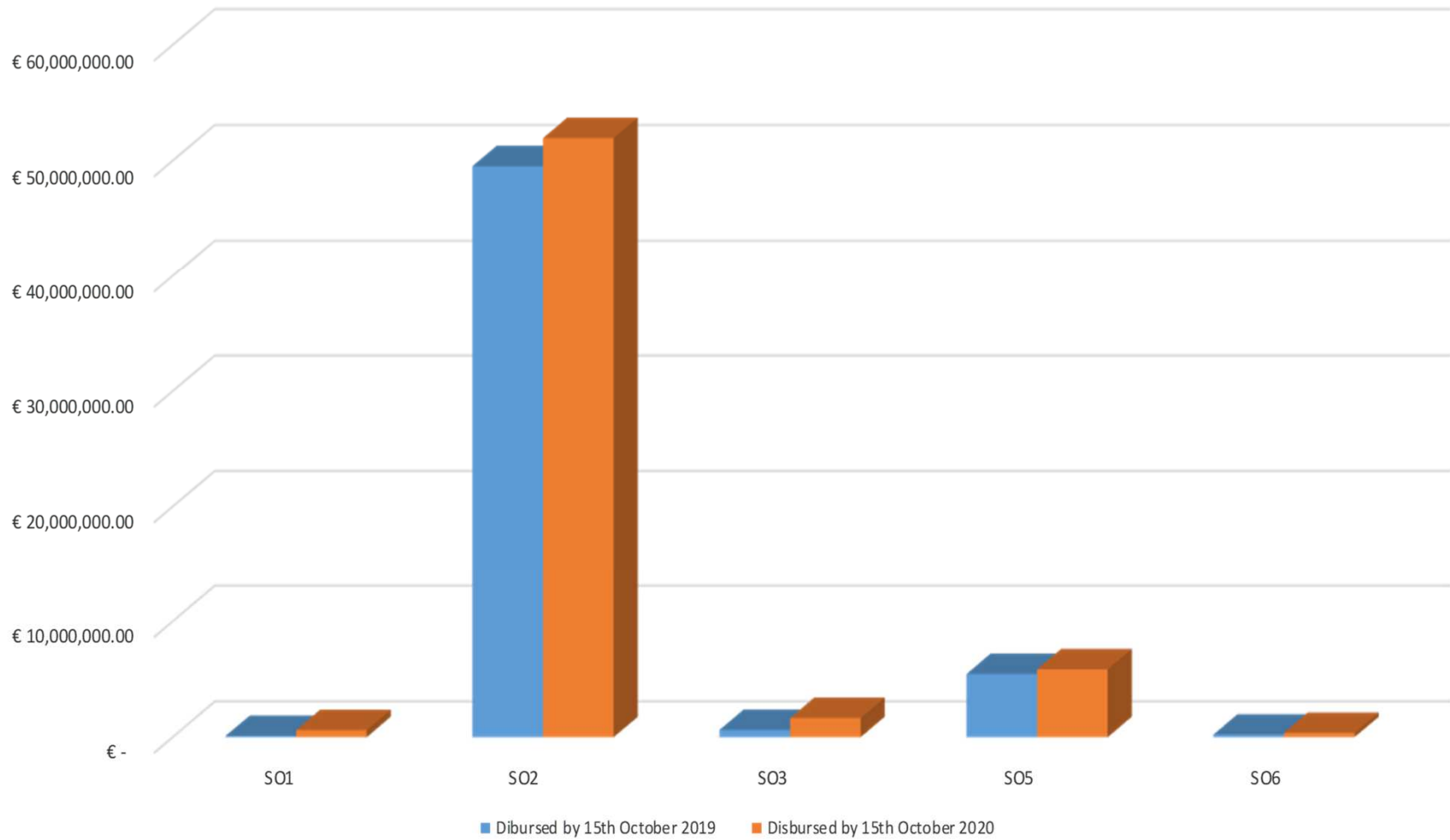
Disbursements Made



Specific Objective	Total Union contribution Paid during this financial year*	Total Union contribution Paid till 15th October 2020	% Disbursed from NP Allocation
SO1	€ 508,892.90	€ 605,003.03	12.50
SO2	€ 2,433,097.00	€ 51,963,252.76	67.05
SO3	€ 1,023,511.08	€ 1,649,955.71	75.51
SO5	€ 394,897.70	€ 5,851,149.42	64.47
SO6	€ 155,030.67	€ 370,776.93	61.57

* Financial Year - 16th October, 2019 to 15 October, 2020

Disbursements Made 2019 - 2020



On the Spot Checks Carried out (1)



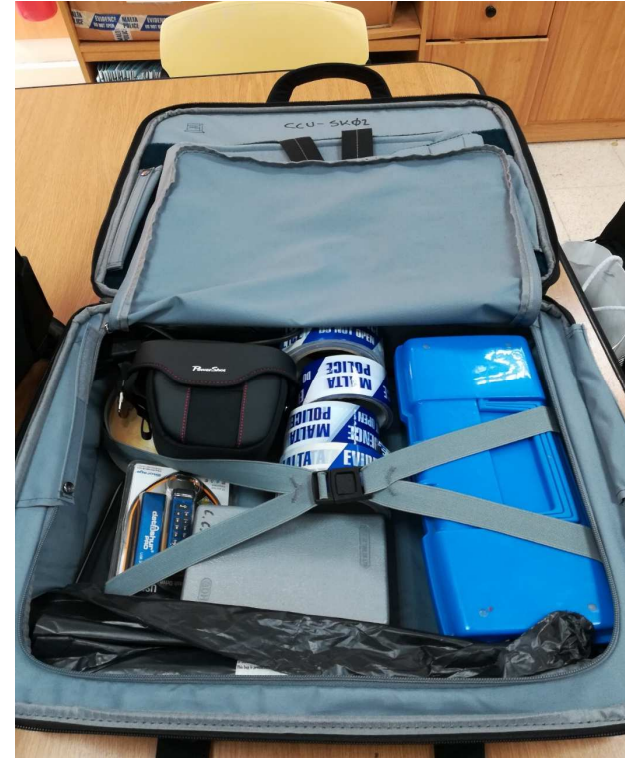
Projects	Date of On the Spot Checks
Extension of the existing Automated Case Management System (MPF)	3 rd September 2019, 15 th and 18 th November 2019, 22 nd January 2020, 24 th July 2020, 27 th July 2020 and 9 th October 2020.
Procurement of Forensic Equipment (MPF)	13 th September 2019 and 16 th June 2020.
Procurement of a new offshore patrol vessel (AFM)	16 th October 2020.
Upgrade Malta Security Service ICT Infrastructure to improve its information management capabilities - Phase 2 (MSS)	13 th July 2020.
Joint Military Operations Centre (AFM)	5 th May 2020, 11 th May 2020, 7 th July 2020 and 14 th October 2020

On the Spot Checks Carried out (2)



Projects	Date of On the Spot Checks
Improving the Security of the Ammo and Explosives Storage Facilities at Fort Mosta (AFM)	26 th November 2019 and 06 th January 2020.
Implement an integrated software platform for managing compliance supervisory activities in Malta (FIAU)	12 th November 2019.
Access to INTERPOL and EUROPOL databases for competent law enforcement authorities (MPF)	27 th February 2020.
Smart Policing - Enhancing the Capabilities of the Cyber Crime Unit (MPF)	1 st November 2019.

Physical Deliverables



**‘Smart Policing - Enhancing the Capabilities of the Cyber Crime Unit’ -
MT/2016/ISF/2.05 by *Malta Police Force***

Search kits used to transport evidence during an investigation.

Physical Deliverables



‘Procurement of Forensic Equipment’ - MT/2016/ISF/5.01 by Malta Police Force

Two handheld devices that can identify different substances on the scene.

Targets Reached



Indicator – SO 1 Support a common visa policy	Target Value
C4.1 - Number of consulates developed or upgraded with the help of the Fund out of the total number of consulates	1 (target value - 5)
C4.2 - Percentage of consulates developed or upgraded with the help of the Fund out of the total number of consulates %	20% (target value - 5%)

Targets Reached



Indicator – SO 2 Borders	Target Value
C2 Number of border control (checks and surveillance) infrastructure and means developed or upgraded with the help of the Fund	2 (target value - 9)
C3.2 Number of border crossings	14,116,265 (target value - 1,260,000)
C4 Number of national border surveillance infrastructure established/further developed in the framework of EUROSUR	1 (target value - 12)
C5 Number of incidents reported by the Member State to the European Situational Picture	160 (target value - 20)

Targets Reached



Indicator – SO 5 Preventing and Combatting Crime	Target Value
C3.1 Number of projects in the area of crime prevention	14 (target value - 13)
C3.2 Financial value of projects in the area of crime prevention	€ 7,501,296 (target value - € 6,566,592)
C4 Number of projects supported by the Fund, aiming to improve law enforcement information exchanges	7 (target value - 7)

Targets Reached



Indicator – SO 6 Risks and Crises	Target Value
C2 Number of projects relating to the assessment and management of risks in the field of internal security supported by the Fund	3 (target value - 3)

Challenges Encountered



Procurement

- Planning
- Evaluation
- Execution



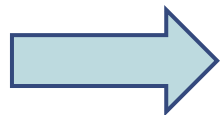
Risk analysis

- Undefined and unplanned risks



Capacity

- Skills and expertise



Covid-19 Pandemic

Annual Implementation Report



- Following circulation of the draft Annual Implementation Report, the Report was submitted to the Commission on the 27th March 2020 and was considered admissible by the Commission on the 26th May 2020.

Proposed updates to the NP



- A budgetary shift may be proposed later on this year, in order to reflect financial implementation requirements on the ground.
- Given that the foreseen shift is between the same Specific Objective, no formal modification of the NP is required.

Capacity Building



 RA staff attended the following training event:

- Public Management Toolkit Courses, organised throughout the year by the Institute of Public Services.
- Training on Common Errors in Public Procurement and Determining Financial Corrections for Non-Compliance with EU Regulations.
- Training and Networking Seminar on Migration Annual Event 2019 – AMIF and ISF (organized by the RA).
- The COVID-19 pandemic has brought unprecedented challenges and to that effect, training courses which were to be carried out in 2020 had to be reworked and in some instances such courses did not materialize.

Publicity Measures



- Constant updates are made to the RA website www.eufunds.gov.mt and www.eufundsmalta.gov.mt
- The List of Approved Projects is published on the website.
- Press Releases have been issued whenever a project has been approved. Various press meetings were held, especially when linked to launches of projects as well as the achievements of milestones.
- Training and Networking Seminar on Migration Annual Event 2019 – AMIF and ISF
- Promotional items were distributed amongst stakeholders during meetings held.
- Due to restrictions imposed by the Maltese Health Authorities the RA had to rethink its plans for alternative publicity measures. It is envisaged that the publicity measures will take form either in a visual or written medium

Link:

<https://eufunds.gov.mt/en/EU%20Funds%20Programmes/Migration%20Funds/Pages/AMIF-2014-2020.aspx>

Publicity Measures

→ www.eufundsmalta.gov.mt



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Publicity Measures



Training and Networking Seminar on Migration Annual Event 2019 – AMIF and ISF & Promotional Items

Publicity Measures



Promotional items in connection with COVID-19: face visor, antibacterial pen, hand sanitizer, face mask and hygiene pointer.



- The Migration and Security Information System has been launched in June 2016.
- So far 136 active users.
- 1,200 claims for payment have been processed under ISF. These do not include payments processed through Technical Assistance.
- Further updates to the system are envisaged.



Programming 2021 – 2027

**Border Management and
Visa Instrument
&
Internal Security Fund**

Monitoring Committee

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Programming Phase

Strategy and Implementation Division (SID) within MFEA



- Coordinating the drafting of all EU funded plans and programmes, including JHA, for next Multi-Annual Financial Framework 2021 – 2027, to ensure synergies, complementarity and demarcation.

Progress thus far:

- Between 2019 and 2020, SID carried out consultations across the main stakeholders identified for both Funds regarding the possible types of actions and policy developments related to the 2021-2027 period.
- A list of investment priorities for Malta were also identified by the European Commission in the BMVI and ISF programming fiches published in December 2019.

Enabling conditions

- Enabling conditions are a pre-requisite for supporting projects through EU funding.
- 3 horizontal enabling conditions are applicable for these programmes.
- As present, Ministries are actively working on ensuring fulfilment of conditions.
- Another round of consultations with relevant entities is currently underway in particular to take stock of the fulfilment of the outstanding enabling conditions.
- All three enabling conditions are envisaged to be completed by end of 2020.

Indicative Financial Overview

2021 – 2027 Programme	Indicative Financial Allocation (EU Share in current prices) ¹
Border Management and Visa Instrument (BMVI)	€ 42,000,000*
Internal Security Fund (ISF)	€ 21,000,000*

¹Source: Ministry of Finance estimates on the basis of latest CION proposals and/or Fiches.

* In line with Article 7 of the proposed BMVI and ISF Regulations, additional funds shall be allocated for thematic facility.

BMVI - Policy Objective: Ensuring strong and effective European integrated border management at the external borders, while safeguarding the free movement of persons within it, in full compliance with the Union's commitments on fundamental rights.

ISF: Policy Objective: To ensure a high level of security in the Union in particular by preventing and tackling terrorism and radicalization, serious and organized crime and cybercrime, by managing effectively security-related risks and crises and by assisting and protecting victims of crime.

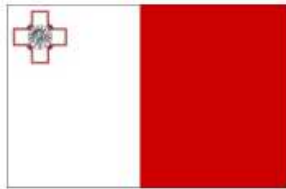
Next steps (Q4 2020 – Q2 2021)

- Finalising the first consolidated BMVI and ISF Programmes for Government consideration;
- Engaging in informal dialogue with the European Commission on the drafted BMVI and ISF Programmes;
- Finalising the Strategic Environmental Assessment on the BMVI Programme;
- Updating the Monitoring Committee, carrying out wider consultations as necessary; and
- Officially submitting the programmes to the European Commission.



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Thank you for your attention



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